

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, a non-profit based in Taylor, Michigan. Their over two decades of service and dedication to southeast Michigan's workers, businesses, and to the local community is worthy of commendation.

Since its founding in 1996, The Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) has helped countless Michigan residents find jobs each year. Through their partnership with local employers, hosting of job fairs and talent development programs, SEMCA has given thousands of job seekers the skills they need to succeed. Their youth programs and career planning tools have helped prepare the next generation for successful careers, and their veterans programs have ensured that those who served our country can find employment when their service is over and return home to Michigan. SEMCA has helped dozens of local businesses fill employment vacancies and has stimulated business development and encouraged entrepreneurship in our community.

SEMCA has provided Michigan residents with the skills and training they need to succeed in an ever-changing world. Those who come to SEMCA for support leave possessing the training and knowledge needed for them to get employed and begin their journey towards a lifelong career to benefit not only themselves, but their whole family. SEMCA's work has had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of Michiganders and has contributed to the economic rejuvenation of southeast Michigan, in the 12th district and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance. We are grateful for their impactful work and wish SEMCA continued success in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for Roll Call vote number 209, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 826 Divided Families Reunification Act, I would have voted Yea.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF HANFORD'S 130TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the birthday of my hometown, the City of Hanford.

The City of Hanford is celebrating the 130th birthday of its historic community. In 1877, the Southern Pacific Railway laid lines from the small towns of Goshen to Coalinga, and their path crossed through a Chinese sheepherder's small camp. This camp was the foundation of the present-day City of Hanford, which was named after James Madison Hanford, the auditor of the railroad.

James Madison Hanford advanced the small community by offering sales of town lots and grew Hanford to more than just a settlement. With the contribution of the railroad, Hanford became the trading center of the area and eventually, the bustling Central Valley town it is today. Today, Hanford has a population of 60,000 residents and is an agricultural and industrial hub within the region. Hanford is home to a diverse and growing population that not only honors their history but looks forward to the bright future.

The City of Hanford has worked hard to uphold the strong traditions and unique sense of community throughout its growth. Beloved historic sites throughout the city help citizens to remember the past while flourishing new enterprise demonstrate a promising future. It is an honor to represent my lifelong home and community, and I look forward to Hanford's continued prosperity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the City of Hanford on its 130th birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BYRON BERLINE

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, Byron Berline, a genius of bluegrass music, passed away on July 10, 2021, after a lifetime of sharing his amazing talent on the fiddle and mandolin with millions of people worldwide.

Byron was born on July 6, 1944 in the small town of Caldwell in the 4th District of Kansas where he began to play the fiddle at age five.

After serving his country in the U.S. Army, Byron quickly rose to musical fame, winning three national fiddle competitions and becoming a much sought-after recording artist, studio musician, member of the National Fiddler Hall of Fame, and frequent festival favorite. Berline performed with the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, The Eagles, John Denver, Willie Nelson, Elton

John, Vince Gill, Ricky Skaggs, Bill Monroe, and many other notable and international musicians. His talent was also featured on TV and movie soundtracks including Back to the Future Part II and Star Trek, to name a few.

Byron Berline's biggest fans were the thousands of people who attend the annual Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, Kansas, where Byron was a favorite performer on stage and in the campgrounds. He leaves a legacy of five decades of live and recorded music and joyful memories for all those who were blessed to enjoy his gift of fiddling.

EMERGENCY REPORTING ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1250, the Emergency Reporting Act, bipartisan legislation I co-authored to improve how the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reports on and learns from the impact of natural disasters on our telecommunications networks.

The human impacts of disasters are worsened when our communications infrastructure is not resilient and this is an issue Californians know all too well. On October 28, 2019, 874 cell towers were out in California, caused by wildfires and power shutoffs. My constituents were panicked about not being able to call 9-1-1 during emergencies, receive emergency alerts, download evacuation maps, or check-in on loved ones. This horrific situation led my good friend, Congresswoman MATSUI, and me to work on this legislation.

H.R. 1250, the Emergency Reporting Act, requires the FCC to hold field hearings after disasters, issue preliminary and final reports about each disaster, and ensure 9-1-1 centers know when outages will impact calls they may receive.

Wildfires are becoming more intense and more frequent because of climate change. Last year, the CZU Lightning Complex Fire burned 86,509 acres in my Congressional District, making it the 12th most destructive fire in California history. Seventy-seven thousand of my constituents were evacuated and the fire destroyed nearly 1,500 homes, businesses, and other buildings.

I've long called on FCC leadership to visit California and hold field hearings following the wildfires and associated power shutoffs, and many of my colleagues from California have done the same. We need to learn from every disaster, especially by listening to and learning from local public safety leaders, municipal, county, and state officials, and members of the communities impacted. This should be required.

Last Congress, the Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing on February

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